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Famine Relief.

Read the following telegrams:—

✓ No. 383. From Collector of Ganjam, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 19th June 1877.

PRICES stationary: rice 13 seers, ragi 21, cholam 18, cumbu 26. Imports, Chilka and land rice 165 tons. Rain 65 cents at four stations. Cholera 2 deaths. Cattle-disease decreasing.

✓ No. 384. From Collector of Vizagapatam, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 19th June 1877.

AVERAGE quantity of seer of 80 talahs per rupee, current and previous week, respectively, rice, second sort, 11, 11; cholam 17, 14; cumbu 20, 20; ragi 18, 19. Imports by sea, rice 47 tons, 66; ragi 1 ton, none. By land, rice 40 tons, 58; ragi none, 1 ton. Rain 1 inch in one taluq. Cholera in two taluqs. Pasture plentiful. None reported fed during week. Other particulars required blank.

✓ No. 385. From Collector of Godavery, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 19th June 1877.

AVERAGE prices per rupee for seer of 80 talahs, rice 104, cholam 15½, ragi 17, cumbu 19½. No imports. No relief-works. No relief-camps. No other gratuitous feeding. No additional officers employed. Two medical officers and 13 subordinates in district. One medical officer ill. Good but partial rain. People generally healthy. Slight cholera in Rajahmundry and Ellore; fever and small-pox in Bhadrachalam. Cattle-disease in Tanuku and Amalapur. Pasture and water-supply generally good.

✓ No. 386. From Collector of Kistna, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 19th June 1877.

Four feet over ancient rain-fall, Narasarpet 2.15, Nizvid 1.09, Repalli, Sattenapalli, Nandigama less than an inch; slight elsewhere. Cumbu in rice, addajonna newly sown in five taluqs. Preparing seed-beds in Repalli for wet cultivation. Crops sown before this in seven taluqs generally doing well. Prices of rice and cumbu slightly fallen in four taluqs; steady elsewhere. Seers of 80 rupees weight, rice 8.66, cholam 11.15, ragi 12.96, cumbu 10.77. Imports at Guntur, rice tons 18.75. On relief-works 1,875. Number fed gratuitously by Government 326 in camps, 61 in villages, fed by people 1,290. Mild cholera, and small-pox and fever there. Cattle-disease in six taluqs. Grass growing, but still complaints everywhere. Markets fairly supplied.

✓ No. 387. From Collector of Nellore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 19th June 1877.

REPORT for the week ending 16th June. Average prices in this week, second-sort rice 7.72 against 7.81 seers per rupee last week; cholam 9.85 against 9.68; ragi 11.80 as in last week; cumbu 10.37 against 10.31. Imports by sea rice 293 tons; by land into the town of Nellore rice 7½ tons, cholam 2 tons, ragi 2 tons. Number of district relief-works 25,604 against 27,527 last week. Number on Canal 46,126 against 45,154. Number fed gratuitously in camps 22,261 against 19,422 last week. Village relief 585 against 597. Children of coolies employed on works 4,379 against 3,461. Expenditure sanctioned 12,53,000 Rupees. Civil officers 12, Medical 26, D. P. W. 39, Survey 35, Settlement 20. Health of man—15 deaths

from cholera against 26 last week; cholera, small-pox, fever, dysentery, guinea-worm, and diarrhoea prevalent in some taluqs. Rain-fall inches at Nellore 2.20, Adur 2.25, Atmakur 7.75, Kavali 4.5, Venkatagiri 1.70, Udayagiri 2.20, Kanigiri 1.25, Ongole 3.0, Darsi 1.50. Water-supply assured for drinking and sufficient for agricultural purposes. Standing crops doing well. Prospects of cattle better. Cattle-disease "Poddacheedalu" prevalent in Kanigiri Taluq.

No. 388. From Collector of Cuddapah, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 19th June 1877.

AVERAGE prices seers per rupee, in previous week, in present week, second-sort rice 7.38, 7.16; cholum 8.65, 8.34; ragi 9.18, 9.32; cumbu 7.87, 8.54. People relief-works 105,000, 100,202; increase 1,117, due to increased wages and pressure of distress. Fed gratuitously in camps 3,667, 9,215; decrease 452 owing to deaths 334 and transfer to villages. Otherwise fed 26,647, 34,019; increase 7,372 due to fuller extension of the system, transfer from camps, and pressure of distress. Expenditure sanctioned Rs. 25,71,368, 27,12,368. Additional officers, Europeans, Natives, Revenue 3, 1; Relief 15, 14; Magisterial 2, 11; Medical Officers 2, Subordinates 2. Increase cholera 444, 336, of which 140 in Poolivendla. Number cattle died want fodder and disease 480, 312, respectively. Rain reported every taluq, average 3.22 inches. In two taluqs fall very heavy, namely, Pullampet 6.2, Royachoti 6.37.

No. 389. From Collector of Bellary, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 19th June 1877.

AVERAGE price second-sort rice 6.71, last week 6.77; boiled rice at Bellary 7.56, last week 8.1; cholum or great millet 7.03, last week 7.28; Jubbulpore cholum at Bellary 7.73, last week 7.73; ragi or lesser millet 7.16, last week 8.07; cumbu 7.22, last week 7.28 seers of 80 talahs. Import tons 1,428. Accounts from one railway station only. 301,316 persons on relief-works. Increase on return for previous week 10,025, due to increased pressure of famine in most taluqs. 153,643 gratuitously fed, of whom 15,877 fed relief-houses, 3,909 relief camps. Increase on return for previous week 1,567. This is chiefly due to increased number of children or coolies. 7,326 gratuitously fed private charity, aided by Government grant. Sanctioned expenditure Rs. 10,000. Cheques actually granted 68,54,000. Additional officers, Revenue and Magisterial, Europeans and Eurasians two, Natives 20; Police none; Relief 47; European and Eurasians, Medical Officer one, Subordinates ten. Rain-fall 19½ ounces Hospett; 33 ounces; Kudlighi; 47 ounces Hadgally; good rain Aloor, Adoni, Gooty; 13 ounces Tadpatry; 28 ounces Haidroog; 21 ounces Anantapur; 12 ounces Dhurmavaram; 5½ ounces Hindupur; 22 ounces Madakira; 51 ounces Pennakonda. Ryots sowing early. Dry crops in many villages. Cholera decreasing, but still all taluqs. Small-pox, fever prevalent. Cattle still perishing from want of fodder, which recent rain will soon make procurable. Supply of drinking water much improved.

No. 390. From Acting Collector of Kurnool, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 19th June 1877.

AVERAGE rainfall for the district 1.71; greatest in Cumbum 4.12. Toombudra still in fresh. Water in Kurnool town abundant. Agricultural operations progressing throughout the district. Average price second-sort rice 6.55 Imperial seers a rupee, cholum 7.84, ragi 9.39, cumbu 8.92. Cholera, small-pox, and fever continue. Cholera seizures 42, deaths 36. Condition of cattle poor. Grants sanctioned to date 46,21,000. Coolies on relief-works 204,986. Gratuitously fed 57,060. Particulars of latter week 2,419 in Nandial, 1,140 in Khaderbagh Relief-camps, 45,375 children under seven years, 4,740 village relief, and 4,526 in relief-houses. There is a decrease of 237 coolies on relief-works; a considerable part of this is nominal owing to defective returns. It is partly due to agricultural operations being in progress. Decrease of 3-pie children improved checks. Physique of coolies fair. Additional civil officers, including Survey and Settlement, 61; Medical officers 11. 115 tons private grain imported in three taluqs. 10 inch rain reported at Chagalmarry on 13th.

No. 391. From Collector of North Arcot, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 19th June 1877.

For week ending 15th June, average prices in Government seers second-sort rice per rupee 7.4, cholum 8.4, ragi 9.4, cumbu 7.8, heat 5. Relief-works coolies 54,909. Persons gratuitously fed in camps 8,005, persons otherwise gratuitously fed 13,371. Sanctioned expenditure up to date Rupees 1,55,000. Additional officers employed in higher branches 16;

Medical officers and Subordinates 22. Rain-fall average of 16 stations 1.75. Health of man—cholera still prevalent; fever and small-pox in some places. Health of cattle—pasture insufficient, but just growing; cattle still dying of starvation and disease.

No. 392. From Collector of South Arcot, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 19th June 1877.

Rice, second-sort 8½ seers, cholum 10½, ragi 11½, cumbu 11½, little dearer than last week. Imports by sea none, by rail ragi 16 tons. 15,000 Rupees for works. Number employed last day 9 men only. Fed relief-house, Chengam, 113 men, 339 women, 522 children; total 974, deaths 4. Relieved in 81 villages 1,548 men, 2,214 women, 3,560 children, death 1. Rain-fall 1.1 inch. Villapocum, Tricalore, and Tindivanam ½ to ¾ inch. People healthy. Cholera deaths reported 221 against 284 attacks. Cattle-disease some villages. Pasture improved.

No. 393. From Collector of Tanjore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 19th June 1877.

PRICES seers rice 7½, ragi 10½, cumbu 11½, cholum 9½. Imports by sea rice tons 366. Relief-works none. Rain varying from decimal 2 to 4 inches in different parts of the district from 12th to 13th instant. Freshes in rivers moderate. Deaths from cholera 231. Small-pox throughout district; six reported therefrom. Fever in some parts. Cattle-disease in Tritrapundi Taluq, with some loss of life. Fodder available.

No. 394. From Collector of Trichinopoly, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 19th June 1877.

Week ending June 16th third-sort rice 7½ seers, cholum 13½, ragi 10½, cumbu 9½. Import of grains during this week 268 tons. No relief-works. Number fed in hospital camp on 16th 482, by private subscription 2,179. Rs. 5,000 sanctioned. Military and Civil Medical Officers 10; Civil Medical Subordinates 11. Rain average ½ inch. Deaths, cholera 141; small-pox 31. Vekkai and dysentery among cattle in some parts. Pasture and water-supply improved.

No. 395. From Collector of Madras, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 19th June 1877.

RICE, second sort, 10½, cholum 10½, ragi 9½, cumbu 10½. Import rice tons 1,684; other grains 12. Sanctioned expenditure to date 2,43,748. On relief-works 11,977, reduction, people being occupied in fields. Gratuitously fed in camps 8,280, otherwise fed 2,967. Slight rain-fall western parts. Cholera deaths 717, increase in Dindigul and Periacolum. Cattle improving.

No. 396. From Collector of Tinnevely, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 19th June 1877.

RAIN on hills and in Tenkasi Taluq. Slight fresh in Tambapondy. Tanks under it received fair supply. Kar cultivation in river valley going on briskly. Standing crops good except in Nanguneri and Tinnevely. 190 deaths to 232 attacks of cholera. Cattle-disease continues with slight mortality in three distressed taluqs in Tinnevely. Prices almost stationary. Average prices per second-sort rice 8 seers of 80 talahs, cholum 11½, cumbu 10½, and ragi 10½. Import of rice 1,615 tons. Number on relief-works 11. Expenditure sanctioned Rs. 64,200. camps and relief-houses 855. Number otherwise fed 11. No additional officers entertained.

No. 397. From Collector of Coimbatore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 19th June 1877.

PRICES slight rise: rice, second sort, 7.3, cholum 8.22, ragi 8.79, cumbu 8.27. Imports estimated rice 526 tons, other grains 153. Cholera still prevalent; attacks 1,174, deaths 827. Fever and small-pox also occur. Rain partial in tracts. Affected by south-west monsoon; irrigation channels sufficiently supplied. Dry cultivation to small extent in all taluqs except Odoor. Cattle supply slightly improved. Estimated fodder scarce, grass springing up in some parts. Water supply slightly improved. Estimated expenditure 6,90,045, actual 4,54,952. Additional officers on relief-works 23,599. No

deterioration of physique of work-people reported. Gratuitously relieved relief centres 26,868, village relief 4,851; total 31,719. Increase due to increased distress, principally in Oodumulpetta.

No. 398. From Commissioner, Nilgiris, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 19th June 1877.

Average prices four stations, Ooty, Coonoor, Kotagiri, and Gudalur, rice 6½, ragi 8½, cumbu 9½. Import tonnage week ending 16th June 1877, rice 8½, ragi 9½, cumbu 8½. Slight rain in Ooty, Coonoor, and Kotagiri. Cholera prevails in villages near Coonoor, Seegoor, Kotagiri, and in Kaity Valley. Small-pox is also prevalent. No cattle-disease reported. About 200 under relief in camps and 5 starving travellers relieved. Increase in number due to fresh camp opened at Gudalur and influx of pauper bodies.

No. 399. From Collector of Salem, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 19th June 1877.

Prices of grains, seers of eighty tolahs, rice seven and three-sixteenths, ragi eight and thirteen-sixteenths, cumbu seven and fifteen-sixteenths, cholam eight and thirteen-sixteenths. Import of all grains about one thousand. Number on relief-works forty seven thousand. Number gratuitously fed in camps eleven thousand; ditto otherwise, sixty-four thousand; ditto by private charity three hundred. Expenditure sanctioned seven lakhs sixty-four thousand and nine hundred. Additional hands, higher grade, Europeans eight, Natives fourteen. Number of Medical Officers and Subordinates additional four on relief. Rain-fall eleven-sixteenth inch. Health—cholera in all taluqs. Gratuitous relief in camps 16 per cent.; increase due to large admissions in Namakal, Trichengoody, and Tripatore; the decrease in village relief 8 per cent., due to returns not having been received from Range Officers.

No. 400. From Collector of South Canara, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 19th June 1877.

Prices rice seers 9-14, ragi seers 10-79. No imports. Average rain-fall in the week 20 inches. Small-pox abated generally. Cholera exists in a few places. Cattle mostly healthy.

No. 401. From Collector of Malabar, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 18th June 1877.

RAIN-FALL average of all taluqs 14-35; sufficient in all taluqs for cultivation. In certain taluqs transplanting of first crop commenced. Weather favorable for crops. Prospects good. Markets well supplied. Imports by sea rice 1,760, cholam 19. Exports by land rice 878 and ragi 479 tons. Prices of rice slightly fallen Cherakal; risen Kotteyam, Kurumbranad, and Calicut; Wynad return not received; elsewhere stationary. Highest 7½ Indian seers Palghat, lowest 10½ Ponany; average 8½ Indian seers. Ragi, average 11½. Small-pox in six taluqs, cholera in nine; deaths from latter 516. Cattle-disease reported in Ernad. Pasture good. 685 coolies on Kolathur roads.

No. 402. From Collector of Chingleput, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 16th June 1877.

Prices rice, second-sort, 1-46, ragi 10-08, cholam 8-25. Imports rice 144, ragi 27-25. Rain-fall—rain more or less in all the taluqs except Madurantakam. Cholera, small-pox, and dysentery more or less prevalent in all the taluqs except Trivellore and Chingleput. Condition of cattle improving; pasturage insufficient; water abundant; 550 head of cattle in Trivellore and 300 in Conjeevaram reported to have died of diarrhoea and weakness. On relief-works 32,315; gratuitous relief in camps 11,634; in other places 15,184. Expenditure sanctioned 2,60,007. Additional officers 13, Medical 1.

No. 403. From Collector of Madras, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 19th June 1877.

Prices in seers of 80 tolahs per rupee rice, second-sort, 8-03, ragi 9-31, cholam 10-50. Import tons rice 3,263, other grains 1,58. Expenditure sanctioned 1,54,050. Cholera, small-pox, dysentery, and fever prevalent. Cattle healthy. Rain-fall 3-50 inch.

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ORDER THEREON, 19th June 1877, No. 2,037.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

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